

Proceedings of the Founding Conference
of the
Libertarian Socialist League.

Summer
1949

a. Editor, b. ~~Editorial Manager~~, c. Circulation Manager, d. Production Committee.

Motion 7 - Dinsmoor: To elect a Director to attend to arrangements and attendance for the Christmas Conference. Carried.

Minutes of the first session of the Summer School Conference of Socialists at 9:30 AM, Sunday, June 26, 1949 at the Workman's Benefit Fund Summer Camp, Genoa City, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Weitzmann - Mass., Rafal - Ill., Vogel - Ill., Bone - Conn., Simon - Mich., Brenniman - Ohio, Johnson - Ill., Robinson - Ill., Brodsky - Ill., M. Gutenkauf - Ill., Gardiner - Mass., J. Gutenkauf - Ill., Herb and Charlotte Rubin - Ill., Mann - N.Y., Fleischman - N.Y., Pargment - N.Y., Eiger - N.Y., Dinsmoor - N.Y., M.L. Rafal - Ill., Rosen - Ill., Ferentz - Mich., Tepper - Ill., Schanck - Ohio, Lewis - Ohio, Bates - Mich., Tekla - Ohio.

Nominations for Chairman: Bone, Dinsmoor, Weitzmann, Vogel. Declinations: Bone, Dinsmoor, Vogel. Comrade Weitzmann was elected Chairman.

Nominations for Secretary: Tekla, Rafal. Declinations: Tekla. Comrade Rafal was elected.

AGENDA ADOPTED, Summer School Committee report - Vogel, The Committee recommended that it permit everyone to participate and vote who attended the preliminary sessions prior to the formal establishment of an organization, but that the Conference request persons whose primary loyalty belongs to other organizations not to exercise the privilege of voting.

Leon Mann of the Independent Socialist League stated that since he is a member of another organization he did not intend to vote in the Conference.

MOTION 1: M. Gutenkauf - That the Conference accept the recommendations of the Summer School Committee. Carried.

MOTION 2: Vogel - That the Conference proceed to establish a new organization. Carried unanimously.

Rosen submitted to the Conference a list of organizational recommendations (written by Rosen and J. Gutenkauf) plus the suggestion that the name of the new organization be Libertarian Socialist League.

The Conference decided to attend to the points ad scriatum.

The Chair called for volunteers to operate the mimeograph machine during the Conference. Comrades Johnson, Rosen, and Fleischman volunteered.

Organizational recommendations - Point 1. Name to be Libertarian Socialist League. MOTION 3: Tekla - To expurgate the word "Socialist" from the proposed name. Defeated.

MOTION 4: Dinsmoor - To postpone the question of a name until further discussion reveals the nature of the new organization. The Chair so ordered.

MOTION 5: Bone - To abandon ad scriatum procedure on the points of the organizational recommendations and to adopt an organizational perspective. Carried by 10 to 3 vote.

Extensive discussion followed on organizational perspectives.

The Conference adjourned at 11:00 AM with the hour of reconvening set at 12:00 noon.

Minutes of the second session of the Summer School Conference of Socialists. at 12 noon, Sunday, June 26, 1949.

PRESENT: Weitzmann, Rafal, Bob and Dot Bone, Simon, Brennoman, Mann, Mary Lou Rafal, Tepper, Brodsky, Herb Rubin, Schank, Bates, Ferentz, M. Gutenkauf, Robinson, Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Shore. Later: Eiger, Fleischman, Vogel, Dinsmoor, Lewis, Tekla, Charlotte Rubin, Gardiner.

Organizational Recommendations - Point 1. (The NAME of the organization to be taken up later): A National Executive Committee of approximately 9 members which shall formulate general policies in line with the program and principles of the group.

MOTION 1: Brodsky - (Amendment): That we strike out the word "Executive" and replace it with "Coordinating". Carried.

Motion 2 - Bone: That we proceed to the questions of program and activities, and delay the organizational matters until the July 3rd session. Defeated 10 to 3.

Point 1. - Carried. 4 abstentions.

Point 2.: An organization committee concentrated in the locality of the national headquarters which shall supervise the functioning of the national headquarters and co-ordinate the activities of the various sections. Carried. 6 abstentions.

Point 3.: A full time, paid Executive Secretary to do the Jimmy Higgons work of the organization. Carried. 1 abstention.

Point 4. (five sections, ad seriatum): The minimum requirements for membership are:

1. Financial responsibility. Carried.
2. Regular activity. Carried.
3. Political agreement on essentials. Carried.
4. No affiliation with rival political organizations.

Motion 3 - Vogel (substitute for section 4 of Point 4): No affiliation with political organizations that this organization declares rival. Carried.

5. Acceptance of the democratic discipline of the group.

Motion 4 - Bone (amendment for sect on 5 of Point 4): To add that this be interpreted as negative discipline. Carried.

Section 5 of Point 4, - Carried as amended.

Point 5: New members must be reviewed and accepted by a membership committee set up by local sections of the group. Membership applications are subject to further review by higher bodies.

Motion 5. Vogel (amendment to Point 5): To strike out the words "higher bodies" and replace them with "National Organization Committee" and "National Coordinating Committee". Carried.

Point 6: Due to the size and nature of the group we believe that the local organizations should have a functional basis. We oppose to the geographical, or branch organization a system of committees which shall include members on the basis of their field of mass work and/or primary interest.

Motion 6 - Bone (amendment to Point 6): To add the words "whenever possible". Carried.

Motion 7 - Vogel (substitute for the whole of Point 6): Local units of this organization shall be organized on a geographical or functional basis as best fits the needs of the local situation. Wherever a unit is organized on a geographical basis, we recommend that committees for functional work be organized, if possible. Carried, 7 to 4. 1 abstention.

Point 7: We consider the maintenance of a permanent national headquarters to be a prime requisite for organization. Carried. 4 abstentions.

Point 8.: The most important activity is the regular publication of an organ patterned after the Socialist Worker of the Independent Labor Party of England. The Editor shall be responsible to the National Coordinating Committee.

Motion 8 - Vogel (amendment to Point 8.): To delete the words "The most" and substitute the word "An". Carried. 7 to 4.

Motion 9 - Johnson (amendment to Point 8.): To strike out all reference to the Socialist Worker. Carried.

Motion 10 - Vogel: To add a discussion bulletin as Point 9. Carried. 8 to 2.

Motion 11 - Bone: That this organization, in conducting elections, vote by simple majority system unless any one or more individuals request proportional representation. Carried.

The Conference recessed at 2:00 pm, the hour of reconvening set at 3:00 pm.

a. Editor, National Organization Committee.

Motion 7 - Dinsmoor: To elect a Director to attend to arrangements and attendance for the Christmas Conference. Carried.

Below are the organizational recommendations as they were amended and finally adopted:

- Point 1. A National Coordinating Committee of approximately 9 members, which shall formulate general policies in line with the program and principles of the group.
- Point 2. An Organization Committee concentrated in the locality of the National Headquarters which shall supervise the functioning of the National Headquarters and coordinate the activities of the various sections.
- Point 3. A full time, paid Executive Secretary to do the Jimmy Higgins work of the organization.
- Point 4. The minimum requirements for membership are:
 - a. Financial responsibility.
 - b. Regular activity.
 - c. Political agreement on essentials.
 - d. No affiliation with political organizations that this organization declares rival.
 - e. Acceptance of the democratic discipline of the group, and that this be interpreted as negative discipline.
- Point 5. New members must be reviewed and accepted by a membership committee set up by local sections of the group. Membership applications are subject to further review by the National Organization Committee and/or the National Coordinating Committee.
- Point 6. Local units of this organization shall be organized on a geographical or functional basis as best fits the needs of the local situation. Wherever a unit is organized on a geographical basis, we recommend that committees for functional work be organized, if possible.
- Point 7. We consider the maintenance of a permanent national headquarters to be a prior requisite for organization.
- Point 8. An important activity is the regular publication of an organ. The Editor shall be responsible to the National Coordinating Committee.
- Point 9. The organization shall publish a discussion bulletin.

Minutes of the latter half of the second session of the Summer School Conference of Socialists at 3:00 pm, Sunday, June 26, 1949.

Present: Vogel, Weitzmann, Tekla, Bates, Rosen, Rafal, Topper, Mann, Dinsmoor, Joe Gutenkauf, Harry Gutenkauf, Brennenman, Gardiner, Mary Lou Rafal, Pargment, Forentz, Elger, Bob and Dot Bone, Herb and Charlotte Rubin, Johnson, Robinson, Brodsky, Fleischman, Booklander.

Discussion ensued as to whether or not the body should consider the matter of perspective at this time.

The will of the body was to dispense with the agenda and meet as a committee of the whole.

Extensive discussion followed on the activity, program, and organizational perspectives of the group.

Adjourned: 5:30 pm. Hour to reconvene set at 7:00 pm.

Minutes of the third session of the Summer School Conference of Socialists at 7:00 pm, Sunday, June 26, 1949.

Present: Weitzmann, Harry and Mary Lou Rafal, Vogel, Forentz, Brennenman, Tekla, Mann, Topper, Rosen, Joe and Marty Gutenkauf, Dinsmoor, Elger, Robinson, Pargment, Gardiner, Johnson, Fleischman, Bob and Dot Bone. Later: Bates, Schanck.

Motion 1 - Bone: a. That we proceed to adopt a political program and organizational forms, and to plan activities for the immediate future. b. That a major task is the preparation of a Conference during the Christmas Holidays for the purpose of establishing a broad revolutionary organization in which our present tendency can function. c. In the event that we do not succeed in attracting broader elements to the Conference, we will proceed to operate under the program and organization which we intend to build in the interim. Carried.

Comrade Vogel read to the Conference his outline for a program of the organization, accepting suggestions and revisions, and agreed to resubmit it to the group.

A list of resolutions were drawn up and the Chair asked for volunteers to write them and submit them to the July 3rd session. The resolutions and authors are:

The State - Rosen
War - Dinsmoor
Internationalism - Fleischman
Student Field - Eiger, Johnson, and Marty Gutenkauf
United Labor Party - Rafal
Workers Control - Bone
Race Relations - Johnson
Trade Unions - Eiger

Motion 2 - Dot Bone: To elect an arrangements committee for the July 3rd session. Carried.

The Chair called for nominations for the committee. The following were nominated: Eiger, Weitzmann, Joe Gutenkauf, Fleischman, Dot Bone, Marty Gutenkauf, Johnson, Rafal. Declinations: Eiger, Joe Gutenkauf, Fleischman, Marty Gutenkauf, Johnson. The will of the body was that the committee stand at Weitzmann, Dot Bone, and Rafal.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm, the hour of reconvening to be decided by the Arrangements Committee.

Minutes of the fourth session of the Summer School Conference of Socialists at 8:00 pm, Thursday, June 30th, 1949.

Present: Weitzmann, Rafal, Johnson, Vogel, Eiger, Kantor, Tekla, M. Gutenkauf, Fleischman, Bob and Dot Bone, Bookbinder, Mann, Topper, Dinsmoor, Later: Rosen, J. Gutenkauf, Pargment.

Nominations for the Chair were opened. The following nominations were made: Eiger, Weitzmann, Johnson, Bookbinder. Declinations: Weitzmann, Eiger, Bookbinder. Comrade Johnson was elected Chairman.

Comrade Rafal was nominated and elected Secretary.

Minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

The following tentative agenda for the July 3rd session was submitted by the Arrangements Committee:

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| 1. Greetings | 6. Finance |
| 2. Minutes | 7. Collection |
| 3. Program and Perspectives | 8. Resolutions |
| 4. Activities | 9. Elections |
| 5. Organization and Dual Membership | 10. Good and Welfare |

The Chair opened nominations for the July 3rd keynote speech. Comrades Vogel and Dinsmoor were nominated.

Motion 1 - Topper: That both comrades Vogel and Dinsmoor present keynote speeches. Carried.

Motion 2 - Dot Bone: To accept the tentative agenda for the July 3rd session. Carried.

Motion 3 - Rafal: That the name of the organization shall be Libertarian Socialist League. Carried.

Activities Report - Bone. (attached to resolutions)

Motion 4 - Bone: To vote on emphasis, points of activities, and implementation of the Activities Report. Carried.

Extensive discussion took place on emphasis in activities.

Motion 5 - Rafal: To accept the Activities Report. Carried.

Motion 6 - Fleischman: To establish the following offices for our publication: a. Editor, b. ~~Business Manager~~, c. Circulation Manager, d. Production Committee.

Motion 7 - Dinsmoor: To elect a Director to attend to arrangements and attendance for the Christmas Conference. Carried.

Motion 8 - Bone: That the Chair inquire of individuals present as to what suggestions they have concerning individuals and groups to be contacted for the Christmas Conference, and that the Secretary record the list. Carried.

A list was drawn up of individuals and groups to be considered as possible participants in the Christmas Conference.

Motion 9 - Vogel: That persons participating in the Christmas Conference agree in essence with our program adopted at the July 3rd session. Carried.

The will of the body was to elect a Financial Committee and decide on a location for the July 3rd session at 8:30 am, Friday, July 1st.

The session adjourned at 11:00 pm, to reconvene the next morning.

Minutes of the latter part of the fourth session of the Summer School Conference of the Libertarian Socialist League at 8:30 am, Friday, July 1st, 1949.

Motion 1 - Dot Bone: To elect Comrade Weitzmann as a Committee of One to present a financial report at the July 3rd session. Carried.

Motion 2 - Vogel: That comrades Vogel and Tekla arrange for a site for the July 3rd session. Carried.

Adjourned at 9:15 am, the hour of reconvening to be set by the Arrangements Committee.

NOTE: During a period when the body was assembled, but not in session, Comrade Hirsch proposed that a committee be set up to communicate greetings to foreign groups. The committee established consisted of: Hirsch, Fleischman, Weitzmann, and Tekla. Greetings were sent to the revolutionary socialists of England, France, Germany, and Austria.

Minutes of the fifth session of the Summer School Conference of the Libertarian Socialist League at 9:30 am, Sunday, July 3rd, 1949.

Present: Herb and Charlotte Rubin, Mrs. Marquardt, Schanck, Vogel, Brodsky, Ptacek, Weitzmann, Rafal, Dinsmoor, Mann, Thompson, Tepper, Eiger, Johnson, J. Gutenkauf, Pargment, Fleischman, Rosen, Harry and Mrs. Kantor, Tekla, St. Clair and Mrs. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Wylan, Mulford and Mrs. Sibley, Bone, Helmut and Mrs. Hirsch. Later: Rodgers, M. Gutenkauf, Marquardt, Dot Bone, Bob Viehman.

Nominations for Chairman: Weitzmann, Johnson, Vogel. Declinations: Vogel, Johnson. Comrade Weitzmann was elected Chairman. Comrade Rafal was nominated and elected Secretary.

Comrade Dinsmoor presented the keynote speech.

The will of the body was to discuss and act on the eight points of the Program Resolution ad seriatum. (For a copy of the Program Resolution prior to amendments, revisions, and adoption see the resolutions distributed at the Summer School. Revisions upon which there was no disagreement were not put in the form of motions, and therefore, are not recorded in these minutes.)

Program Resolution - Point 1. - Carried.

Point 2.

Motion 1 - Rosen (amendment to Point 2.): To strike out the term

"bureaucratic collectivism" and insert "increased statification of the economy". Carried.

Point 2. - Carried as amended.

Point 3. - Carried.

The Conference recessed at 11:00 am, the hour of reconvening set at 12:00 noon.

Minutes of the latter part of the fifth session of the Summer School Conference of the Libertarian Socialist League at 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 3rd, 1949.

Present: Weitzmann, Rafal, Herb and Charlotte Rubin, Ptacek, Major, Hirsch, Drake, Brodsky, Bob and Dot Bono, Rosen, Dinsmoor, Marquardt, Schanck, Fleischman, Johnson, Joe and Marty Gutenkauf, Evelyn Wylan, Rodgers, Bob Viehman, Tokla, Topper, Mann, Thompson, Kantor, Sibloy, Pargmont. Later: Mrs. Hirsch, Vogel, Bookbinder.

Point 4.

Motion 1 - Hirsch (amendment to Point 4.): To strike out the word "dual" wherever it is employed. Defeated 6 to 1.

Motion 2 - Weitzmann (amendment to Point 4.): To strike out the words "worker's state" and insert "a coercive power directed against the Bourgeoisie". Carried 7 to 5. 5 abstentions.

Motion 3 - Vogel (amendment to Point 4.): To insert the word "rival" wherever "dual" is used, except in the last sentence in which it is employed. Defeated 5 to 5.

Point 4. - Carried as amended.

Point 5.

Motion 4 - Drake (amendment to Point 5.): To add "such a system of society would encourage the widest voluntary association of the masses in democratically controlled institutions." Carried.

Motion 5 - Dinsmoor: To discontinue ad seriatim procedure and establish a committee to revise the Program and report back to the assembly. Defeated.

Point 5. - Carried as amended.

Point 6. - Carried.

Point 7. - Carried.

Point 8.

Motion 6 - Fleischman (amendment to Point 8.): To substitute the word "expects" for "must demand". Defeated 10 to 5.

Point 8. - Carried.

Motion 7 - Hirsch: To reconsider Point 5. of the Program Resolution. Carried.

Motion 8 - Hirsch (amendment to sentence 3 of Point 5.): To strike out "working class" at the end of the sentence, and to insert "working class" before the words "ethical restraints" at the beginning of the sentence. Carried.

The Chair ordered that the incoming National Coordinating Committee attend to printing the program to be circulated independently and/or included in the publication LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST.

The Chair asked for additions to, and revisions of the Activities Report, and in their absence ordered that the Report stand as it was presented.

Organizational Recommendations:

Motion 9 - Rosen (amendment to Point 1. of the Organizational Recommendations): a. To strike out the word "approximately", and b. to add "with no alternates".

Motion 10 - Brodsky: To vote on each part of Motion 9 separately. Carried.

Motion 9, part a. - Carried 10 to 4.

Motion 11 - Vogel: That the National Coordinating Committee shall consist of nine members with three alternates. Carried.

Motion 9, part b. - automatically defeated.

Motion 12 - Bone: That this organization accept Socialist Party members providing they agree with and accept our program, and meet other membership requirements. Carried.

Motion 13 - Rosen: That primary loyalty to this organization be required of persons holding membership in other political organizations.

Motion 14 - Dinsmoor (substitute for Motion 13): That this organization accept people who do not have primary loyalty to any other political organization. Carried 11 to 1. 1 abstention.

Motion 13 - automatically defeated.

Motion 15 - Brodsky: To repeal Motion 12. Defeated 7 to 4. 5 abstentions.

The Conference recessed from 3:15 pm until 3:30 pm.

Motion 16 - Rafal: That we declare the Independent Socialist League and the Socialist Youth League rival organizations.

Motion 17 - Bone (substitute for Motion 16): a. That this organization is oriented toward unaffiliated people. b. We recognize that there are individuals who are affiliated with other organizations, and who are in essential agreement with us. c. We do not intend to bore from within these groups to split off membership. d. We do intend to make it as easy as possible for these individuals to make the transition. e. Therefore, we permit dual membership for such individuals, whose primary loyalty is not to the other organization. f. Each individual applicant will be screened by our membership committees, as provided for in the organizational report. Roll Call. For: Eigor, Dinsmoor, Fleischman, H. Rubin, Bob Bone, Dot Bone, Schanck. Against: Rafal, Weitzmann, Brodsky, M. Gutenkauf, J. Gutenkauf, Rosen, Johnson, Vogel, Pargment, Ptacek, Tepper. Defeated 11 to 7.

Motion 16 - Carried.

Financial Report - Weitzmann. Conrado Weitzmann presented estimates of costs of various activities and functions of the organization, along with estimates of future income and outlines of means of raising money.

The Conference adjourned at 5:45 pm, the hour of reconvening 6:45 pm.

Minutes of the sixth session of the Summer School Conference of the Libertarian Socialist League at 6:45 pm, Sunday, July 3rd, 1949.

Present: Weitzmann, Rafal, Ptacek, Rosen, Brodsky, Tepper, Mann, Dot Bone, Pargment, Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt, Bob Bone, Eigor, Fleischman,

Dinsmoor, Vogel, Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Kantor, Dr. and Mrs. Hirsch, Evelyn Wylan, J. Gutenkauf, Mr. and Mrs. Sibloy. Later: Johnson, M. Gutenkauf, Alise Rifkin.

Motion 1 - J. Gutenkauf: To accept the Financial Report. Carried 8 to 2. 1 abstention.

Conrado Bone delivered a collection speech, asking for, and receiving, immediate donations and pledges.

The Chair requested Conrado Vogel to write a letter of thanks to the Workman's Benefit Fund for the use of their Summer Camp.

It was announced that seven people volunteered to sell blood to help raise money for the organization.

Motion 2 - Bone: That elections of officers and committees precede resolutions on the agenda. Carried.

Conrado Bone was elected Christmas Conference Director by acclamation.

Motion 3 - Fleischman: That the National Office be located in Chicago. Carried.

Conrado Rafal was elected Executive Secretary by acclamation.

Motion 4 - Fleischman: That the salary of the Executive Secretary shall be \$35.00 per week. Carried.

Conrado Dinsmoor was elected Editor of the LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST by acclamation.

The Chair ordered that the Editor of the LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST should select his own Circulation Manager and Production Committee.

Nominations for the National Coordinating Committee: Eiger, Vogel, Johnson, Fleischman, Dinsmoor, Bone, Rosen, J. Gutenkauf, M. Gutenkauf, Weitzmann, Hirsch, Schanck, Pargment, Goodfriend, Ptacek, Topper. Declinations: J. Gutenkauf, Eiger, Ptacek, Pargment. Conrado Schanck was not present and no one vouched for him, but the will of the body was to allow his name on the list of nominations. (In the event of his election, if he could not serve, his place would be filled by that of an alternate.)

Motion 5 - Eiger: That the Executive Secretary be an ex officio, non-voting member of the National Coordinating Committee. Carried 6 to 5.

Motion 6 - Fleischman: To reconsider the question of the size of the NCC and reduce it to seven. Defeated 5 to 5.

Motion 7 - Rosen: That the National Organization Committee consist of five people, including the Executive Secretary who shall be Chairman. Carried.

Nominations for the National Organization Committee: Vogel, Rosen, Marty Gutenkauf, Brodsky, Joe Gutenkauf, Topper, Ptacek, Blumer. Declinations: Vogel, Joe Gutenkauf, Topper, Ptacek.

The National Organization Committee as elected: Rafal, M. Gutenkauf, Rosen, Brodsky, Blumer.

Motion 8 - Rafal: That the quorum of the NCC shall be three, and the quorum of the NCC seven. Carried.

The National Coordinating Committee as elected: Weitzmann, M. Gutenkauf, Rosen, Bone, Dinsmoor, Johnson, Vogel, Hirsch, Schanck, plus the Executive Secretary (non-voting) ex officio.

Nominations for alternates to the NCC: Dot Bone, Fleischman, Topper, Blumer, Goodfriend, Ptacek, Pargment, Brodsky. Declinations: Ptacek.

Motion 9 - Bono: That a vote of thanks be given Comrado Vogel for his excellent work in arranging the Conference. Carried.

Alternates to the NCC elected: Dot Bono, Brodsky. A tie was recorded between Fleischman and Pargment.

Motion 10 - Vogel: To suspend the rules of order. Carried.

Motion 11 - Dinsmoor: To allow an extra alternate, thereby bringing the total to four. Carried.

Comrades Fleischman and Pargment automatically became alternates to the NCC.

Motion 12 - Brodsky (ad seriatum): a. To have a session of the Conference on July 4th in the morning. Carried. b. To discuss resolutions then. Carried. c. To limit discussion on each resolution to twenty minutes. Defeated. d. To discuss order of resolutions to night. Defeated.

Motion 13 - Rafal: That the NCC hold a meeting after the present session. Carried.

Motion 14 - Vogel: That when unable to attend meetings, NCC members shall appoint alternates. Failing to do so empowers the NCC to appoint them. Carried.

Motion 15 - Rosen: All committees, regardless of purpose or function, aside from the NCC, shall have no alternates, either appointed or elected. Carried.

Motion 16 - Vogel: That the Conference extend thanks to those persons who serviced the body by delivering lectures throughout the week. Carried.

Adjourned at 10:15 pm. To reconvene during the morning of July 4th.

Minutes of the National Coordinating Committee of the Libertarian Socialist League at 10:30 pm, Sunday, July 3rd, 1949.

Present: Johnson, Rosen, Bono, Vogel, M. Gutonkauf, Dinsmoor, Weitzmann, Rafal. Observers: Dot Bono, Brodsky, Rifkin.

Comrade Rafal was elected Chairman and Secretary.

An agenda was drawn up and left open, in the event of further suggestions.

Motion 1 - Weitzmann: To seat Dot Bono and Brodsky as alternates for comrades Hirsch and Schanck. Carried.

The Chair appointed Comrade Weitzmann a By-Law Committee of One and requested that he furnish a report at the next meeting of the NCC.

Motion 2 - Vogel: To refer the matter of electing a Financial Secretary to the NCC. Carried.

At the request of the Chair, Comrade Bono outlined his immediate plans in the capacity of Christmas Conference Director.

Motion 3 - Johnson: To accept the Christmas Conference Report. Carried.

Summer School Financial Report - Vogel.

The will of the body was to refer the Summer School Financial Report to the NCC.

The sense of the meeting was that the NCC should edit the program a-

adopted at the Conference and send copys to the NCC members.

The Committee decided to request the session of the Conference meeting on the morning of July 4th to refer the resolutions on its agenda to the NCC.

Motion 4 - Rafal: That the first issue of the LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST, the September-October issue, be completed and ready for mailing by August 15th. Carried.

The Committee decided to meet again over the week-end of September 23, 24, and 25, 1949, in Akron, Ohio if possible.

Adjourned 11:30 pm.

Minutes of the seventh session of the Summer School Conference of the Libertarian Socialist League at 10:00 am, Monday, July 4th, 1949.

(NOTE: The Secretary was absent from this brief session except for the very last moments. Therefore, neither the attendance, nor the makers of motions are recorded.)

Comrade Vogel was elected Chairman.

Motion 1 - To refer all resolutions prepared for this Conference to the next meeting of the NCC, allowing in the meantime, new resolutions to be submitted. Carried.

Motion 2 - To reduce the quorum of the NCC to five members. Carried. 5 to 2. Comrade Rosen asked to be recorded as one of the two opposed.

Adjourned at 10:30 am.

Minutes of the National Organization Committee of the Libertarian Socialist League at 8:30 pm, Friday, July 8th, 1949.

Present: Marty Gutenkauf, Rafal, Brodsky. Observers: Topper, Joe Gutenkauf, Fleischman, Later: Vogel.

Comrade Rafal was elected Chairman and Secretary.

Agenda adopted.

Comrade Brodsky was elected Financial Secretary.

Motion 1 - M. Gutenkauf: All funds dispersed must be counter-signed by the Executive Secretary, or by a majority of the NOC, the latter having superior authority in the event of dispute. Carried.

Motion 2 - M. Gutenkauf: That the Executive Secretary investigate the price paid for blood, and blood banks in Chicago. Carried.

Motion 3 - M. Gutenkauf: That the Executive Secretary compile an organizational membership list. Carried.

Motion 4 - M. Gutenkauf: That the Executive Secretary be allowed \$10.00 petty cash, a constant sum to be replenished by the treasury of the organization. Carried.

Motion 5 - Rafal: That the NOC request Comrade Tiger to design a non-membership card and a letterhead. Carried.

Motion 6 - Rafal: That the Executive Secretary draw up an application-for-membership blank to be submitted to the NOC for approval, and a copy of the Program, as revised by the Conference, to be submitted to Comrade Vogel and Francis Heisler, the lawyer. Carried.

Motion 7 - Brodsky: That 125 copys of the complete minutes of the Conference, NCC, and NOC be mimeographed for distribution.

Motion 8 - M. Gutenkauf: To delay renting an office for two weeks in order to further explore possibilities for a good location. Carried.

Motion 9 - Rafal: That the NOC authorize the Executive Secretary to issue a one page information bulletin from time to time, to the entire membership. Carried.

Motion 10 - M. Gutenkauf: That we do not wait for money to come in, but that pledge notices be sent out as soon as possible to people owing money. Carried.

Adjourned: 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry A. Rafal
Secretary

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